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Attachments: BoS Recycled Water Policy Update Memo.pdf; BOS Recycled Water Policy Update Proposal.doc
 Audit Committee,

As requested by the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors (attached memo), Public Works has reviewed Board Policy Number 3.046, "Recycled Water Policy." Recommended revisions to the Policy are shown in the attached Word document. These revisions have been vetted by the Policy's other "Responsible Departments," Parks and Rec and ISD, and also by Public Health who we're recommending be included in the future. To assist you with your review of our recommendations we've included below background on the recycled water issue and explanations for our recommended changes. In summary, our primary change to the Policy is the elimination of the Recycled Water Task Force.

Please address questions to Gary Hildebrand, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4300 or ghildeb@dpw.lacounty.gov.

We look forward to speaking with you about our recommendations.

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Background

In 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion instructing the Director of Public Works to convene and chair a Taskforce with the purpose of making recommendations for a Countywide policy to expand the use of recycled water. In 2007, this Recycled Water Taskforce submitted their report which contained a variety of recommended policies, including the formalization of the Taskforce to be chaired by the Director of Public Works. The Board adopted the report and created Policy 3.046, Water Recycling Policy.

Over the past three years, much has been accomplished with regard to developing the County's internal recycled water program. A variety of initiatives have been implemented resulting in new recycled water service connections to County facilities such as parks and golf courses. A Recycled Water Master Plan was also completed in 2008, to serve as a planning document for all new recycled water projects proposed for County facilities. Internal Services Department now actively looks to expand recycled water services to County facilities.

Over this same period, water resources planning, which includes the use of recycled water as a viable source of local water supply, has evolved in a positive manner. The State developed the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program with the aim of bringing together water agencies and stakeholders, placing all of their water resources management issues on the same table, and challenging participants to collaboratively manage all aspects of water resources at the regional level. Hundreds of millions of dollars in State grant funding was made available for the IRWM program. In response to this opportunity, the water resources agencies in the greater Los Angeles area, including the County, came together and formed the Los Angeles IRWM region. The governing body for the Los Angeles IRWM region includes many of the same agencies which participate in the County's Recycled Water Taskforce. The Taskforce's purpose to highlight the development of recycled water has now been elevated to the highest planning level as part of the IRWM program. Through the IRWM program recycled water planning is conducted in conjunction with master planning for water supply, flood risk management, water

quality, and other water resources issues.

There has also been an increase in a targeted interest of recycled water issues. The County's Recycled Water Taskforce increased awareness of recycled water among agencies across the region. That awareness has led to increased participation in a professional organization dedicated to recycled water issues. The WateReuse Association is a nonprofit organization similar to the American Public Works Association and is dedicated to advancing alternative water sources such as recycled water. As of their 2009 Annual Report, the WateReuse Association's membership has grown to 55 separate Los Angeles area water resource agencies including the County. This association has developed into a key source of information and advocacy for recycled water and is looked to as the leader for the region in this field.

The Board of Supervisors' creation of a Recycled Water Taskforce in 2006, has successfully resulted in jumpstarting awareness and planning for recycled water issues. The County is now aggressively pursuing use of recycled water for its facilities and has enhanced awareness of recycled water and active participation and planning by agencies across the region. The Los Angeles IRWM group and WateReuse Association are now aggressively pushing the recycled water issue.

For these reasons, we are recommending the Recycled Water Taskforce be disbanded and the County focus its efforts to participate alongside other agencies as members of the Los Angeles IRWM group and through participation in organizations such as the WateReuse Association.



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Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
3.046	Water Recycling Policy	2-20-07

PURPOSE

Establishes guidelines for use of recycled water for non-potable purposes in Los Angeles County. ~~Creates the Los Angeles County Recycled Water Task Force, chaired by the Director of Public Works, Instructs the Director of Public Works, or designated staff, to participate in the Greater Los Angeles County, Santa Clara River, and Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans as well as organizations such as the WaterReuse Association – Los Angeles Chapter~~ to assess the complex nature and issues surrounding the development and use of recycled water in Los Angeles County, guided by the recommendations of California's Recycle Water Task Force report "[Water Recycling 2030](#)".

REFERENCE

[May 23, 2006 Board Order 20](#)

[January 30, 2007](#) Report from Recycled Task Force with "Policy Recommendations for the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, January 30, 2007"

[February 20, 2007 Board Order 5](#)

POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors to increase the use of recycled water for non-potable uses throughout the County of Los Angeles. The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Office of Water Recycling within the Department of Public Works to coordinate implementation of all water recycling policies adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Director of Public Works, or designated staff, to participate in the Greater Los Angeles County, Santa Clara River, and Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans as well as other organizations dedicated to the planning and development of recycled water use, such as the

WateReuse Association – Los Angeles Chapter, to assess the complex nature and issues surrounding the development and use of recycled water for non-potable purposes and will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors recycled water for non-potable uses. The Director of Public Health, the Director of Internal Services, and Director of Parks and Recreation, or their respective designated staff, will also participate as needed at meetings of organizations dedicated to the planning and development of recycled water use, such as the WateReuse Association – Los Angeles Chapter. The Director of Internal Services will be the lead in coordinating recycled water projects for County facilities.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Works

Director of Parks and Recreation

Director of Internal Services Department:-

Director of Public Health.

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